

Eighteenth Annual Northwestern Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy

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Call for Papers

Friday, September 18 — Saturday, September 19, 2026

Submission Deadline: **May 22, 2026**

The Northwestern Center on Law, Business, and Economics at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and the Center for the Study of Industrial Organization at Northwestern are issuing a call for original research papers to be presented in-person at the Eighteenth Annual Conference on *Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy*. This year's conference be an in-person two-day event and will run from 8:30 AM (Central) on Friday, September 18, 2026 to 12:30 PM (Central) on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Conference organizers are grateful for the financial support of Econic Partners. Conference organizers are solely responsible for selecting papers and speakers

The goal of this conference is to provide a forum where leading scholars from across the world can gather with Northwestern's own distinguished faculty to present and discuss high quality research relevant to antitrust economics and competition policy. Both theoretical and empirical submissions are welcome. Papers in industrial organization or applied microeconomic theory that address issues relevant to antitrust policy are welcome even if they do not directly focus on particular antitrust policy issues or institutions. While papers on all topics are welcome, we especially encourage submissions related to the following topic areas:

- digital platforms and competition policy
- innovation and competition policy
- vertical mergers/integration
- vertical contracting, foreclosure/exclusion
- the effectiveness of behavioral remedies
- buyer power and monopsony power
- algorithmic pricing
- collective use of third-party information providers

We hope to involve leading thinkers from the government, non-profit, and private sector, as well as leading academics from economics departments, business schools, law schools, and public policy schools. While most of the conference will be devoted to presentation and discussion of original academic research, we also expect to schedule a small number of panels on important current topics or policy issues as well as lunch keynote address and dinner keynote address on Friday.

If you have questions about the appropriateness of your topic for the conference, or suggestions for panel subjects, please contact Professor [William Rogerson](#), Professor of Economics and CLBE Research Director on Competition, Antitrust and Regulation at wrogerson@northwestern.edu.

Authors will be free to publish their work in other venues.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS: SUBMISSION, REVIEW PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE

Research Proposals should include an abstract (300 words maximum) and c.v.

Proposal Submission Deadline: Research Proposals should be submitted to clbe@law.northwestern.edu by close of business on **May 22, 2026**.

Notification Deadline: Research Proposals will be reviewed by a committee. Authors will be notified of the committee's decisions on or around **July 9, 2026**.